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This Agreement is concluded in furtherance of the laws of the United States and Marshall Islands relating to use of certain lands by persons displaced as a result of the United States nuclear testing program in the Marshall Islands, including Section 103(c) of United States Public Law 99-239 and Section 5(3) of Marshall Islands Nitijela Resolution No. 62.

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ARTICLE I
AGREEMENT ON LAND USE

#### Article I

## Agreement on Land Use

The Government of the United States and the Government of the Marshall Islands agree as follows:

## Section 1

Without prejudice to any claims which have been or may be asserted by any party as to rightful title and ownership of any lands on Ejit, the Government of the Marshall islands shall assure that lands on Ejit Island used as of January 1, 1985, by the people of Bikini, will continue to be available without charge for their use, until such time as Bikini is restored and inhabitable and the continued use of Ejit is no longer necessary, unless a Marshall Islands court of competent jurisdiction finally determines that there are legal impediments to continued use of Ejit by the people of Bikini.

## Section 2

If the impediments described in Section 1 do arise, the United States will cooperate with the Government of the Marshall Islands in assisting any person adversely affected by such judicial determination to remain on Ejit, or in locating a suitable and acceptable alternative to lands for such person's use.

#### Section 3

Section 1 shall not be applied in a manner which would prevent the Government of the Marshall Islands from acting in accordance with its constitutional processes to resolve title and ownership claims with respect to such lands or from taking substitute or additional measures to meet the needs of the people of Bikini.

## Section 4

The Government of the Marshall Islands may make provision for the Claims Tribunal to compensate the landowners of any lands used or conveyed by the United States in its program to relocate those made homeless by the United States nuclear testing program in the Marshall Islands from funds available to the Claims Tribunal under Section 6 of Article II of the Section 177 Agreement. As used in this Agreement, the term "Section 177 Agreement" means the Agreement Between the Government of the United States and the Government of the Marshall Islands for the Implementation of Section 177 of the Compact of Free Association.

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ARTICLE II

EFFECTIVE DATE, AMENDMENT AND DURATION

## Article II

## Effective Date, Amendment and Duration

## Section 1

This Agreement shall come into effect in accordance with applicable laws and procedures of the United States and the Marshall Islands, but not prior to the effective date of the Compact.

## Section 2

This Agreement may be amended at any time by the mutual consent of the Government of the United States and the Government of the Marshall Islands.

## Section 3

This Agreement shall remain in effect for a term coincident with the Compact and thereafter as mutually agreed by the Government of the United States and the Government of the Harshall Islands.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned, duly authorized, have signed this Agreement.

Agreement Between
the Government of the United States
and the
Government of the Marshall Islands
Regarding Use of Certain Lands
by Persons Displaced as a Result of the
United States Nuclear Testing Program
in the Marshall Islands

DONE AT <u>Honolulu, Hawaii</u> this <u>21st</u> day of <u>July</u>, one thousand, nine hundred eighty-six

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